



**STATE OF DELAWARE
DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
POLICY PLANNING AND QUALITY**

MEMORANDUM

REPLY TO

ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA-05-2016

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: November 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities 2016 Unearned Income Disregard

BACKGROUND

The Medicaid for Worker's with Disabilities Program (MWD) applies an unearned income disregard. The amount of this disregard is increased each year by the same percentage increase as the Social Security Administration Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA).

DISCUSSION

Social Security Administration has announced that there will be no COLA for 2016. Therefore, effective January 1, 2016 the unearned income disregard for the MWD Program will remain at its current level of **\$1,039.00**. If an individual's unearned income exceeds that amount they will not be eligible for Medicaid under this program.

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